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SUBJ: VIZCAINO-MURRAY APPOINTED DIRECTOR GENERAL, INEN

REF: A) MEXICO 2188 B) 76 MEXICO 13193

- 1. ON MAR 5, FRANCISCO VIZCAINO-MURRAY WAS NAMED TO SUCCEED CARLOS VELEZ-OCON AS DIREGEN OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE (INEN). VELEZ HAD RESIGNED EARLIER (REF A) BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS WITH INEN UNION LEADERS.
- 2. VIZCAINO HAD BEEN UNDERSECY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE SECRETARIAT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE IN THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION. LAST OCTOBER, AS A RESULT OF DISCLOSURE OF NUMBER OF DEATHS AND WIDESPREAD ILLNESS FROM CHROME PLANT JUST OUTSIDE OF MEXICO CITY AND REPORTED INACTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AGENCY, VIZCAINO WAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED IN PRESS (REF B). HE THEN WENT ON LEAVE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM OF THE ECHEVERRIA ADMINISTRATION AND WAS NOT REAPPOINTED WHEN THE NEW GOVT TOOK OFFICE. HIS REAPPEARANCE AS INEN DIRGEN CONFIDENTIAL

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IS THEREFORE A SURPRISE.

3. FRANCISCO VIZCAINO-MURRAY WAS BORN IN GUAYMAS, SONORA, MEXICO, OCT 31, 1935; EDUCATED AT UNAM SCHOOL OF COMMERCE (CPA DEGREE, 1961) AND NATIONAL POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE (M. SCI.ADM-1964). BEFORE COMING TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, HE SERVED

AS GENERAL AUDITOR IN DEPT OF AGRARIAN AFFAIRS. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE MEMBER OF RULING PARTY (PRI). LAST YEAR HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF FOURTH SESSION OF UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL IN NAIROBI. VIZCAINO SPEAKS ENGLISH MODERATELY WELL.

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